



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 4696-99

9 November 1999

[REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 9 November 1999. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion furnished by BUPERS memorandum 1780 PERS 604 of 6 October 1999, a copy of which is attached.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinion. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director

Enclosure



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MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF,  
NAVAL RECORDS

Via: Assistant for BCNR Matters (Pers-00ZCB)

Subj: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ICO [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) NPC memo 5420 PERS-00ZCB of 10 Sep 99  
(b) Title 38, United States Code, Chapter 32  
(c) Veterans Improvement Act of 1996 (PL 104-275)

1. The following is provided in response to reference (a):

a. The Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) was a voluntary contributory program in which Navy matched each dollar contributed by the member with two dollars. VEAP participants were allowed to contribute a maximum of \$2,700 for a total return of \$8,100 in educational benefits. Section 3223 of reference (b) provides the option for participants to disenroll from VEAP by requesting a refund of contributions.

b. Reference (c) provided the opportunity for VEAP participants to enroll in the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) Program provided they were on active duty and had contributions in a VEAP account on 9 October 1996 (date of enactment). Unfortunately, this legislation did not provide a conversion option for members who chose to disenroll from VEAP and withdrew their contributions.

c. A review of [REDACTED] record indicates he disenrolled from VEAP by withdrawing his contribution of \$2700 from his VEAP account on 10 October 1992. Furthermore, [REDACTED] did not re-contribute to his VEAP account until November of 1997, thirteen months after the 8 October 1996 deadline. This fact does not support his claim that he attempted to re-contribute to his VEAP account prior to 8 October 1996. The activity in his VEAP account was verified through the Veterans Affairs Central Office in Washington, D.C. Since [REDACTED] did not have any money in his VEAP account on 9 October 1996, he was not eligible to enroll to the MGIB Program under reference (c). He retains VEAP as his educational benefits program; therefore, this office recommends [REDACTED] request to enroll in the MGIB Program be denied.

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2. PERS-604's point of contact is EM1(SW) Thompson who can be reached at (DSN) 882-4262 or (C) 901-874-4262.



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